



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Competitive Cal Grant Scoring Matrix Workgroup**

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This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information on an upcoming webinar for the Competitive Cal Grant Scoring Matrix Workgroup (CCGSMW). This workgroup was initially created in September 2013 in an effort to improve the utilization of Competitive Cal Grant awards.

**The successes of the CCGSMW include:**

- Increasing the total points possible from 200 to 1,000.
- Reduction in the Competitive applicant cohort from approximately 1,500 students to 500 students.

**Future goals of the CCGSMW include:**

- Establish processes allowing the Commission to award students in the next cohort by recycling awards to eligible students as students decline awards per [GOM 2014-29](#).
- Evaluate the current Competitive Scoring criteria ensuring that disadvantage factors are prominent in the selection process.
- A webinar is scheduled for:

**Friday, October 3, 2014  
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM**

To register and get more information, visit the Commission's website at <https://csacevents.webex.com/csacevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=290634661>.

A confirmation e-mail for the webinar will be sent to you with the login instructions and teleconference phone line information. Space is limited, so register today if you are interested in learning more about this topic.

Thank you in advance for your interest and willingness to assist in the Commission's goal in reaching 100% utilization of the Competitive Cal Grant award program. Please extend this invitation to any other interested individuals who may wish to participate in this workgroup.

If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's lead staff Tabitha Frost at (916) 464-2113 or via e-mail at [tfrost@csac.ca.gov](mailto:tfrost@csac.ca.gov).

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